

Timberbank Times

170 Timberbank Blvd
Toronto, ON M1W 2A3
416-396-6605

Website: <https://timberbank.wikispaces.com/>
Trustee: Sam Sotiropoulos (Tel.) 416-397-3066
Superintendent: Sandy Spyropoulos (Tel.) 416-396-9176

Principal: Mrs. Anna Epitropou
Office Administrator: Mrs. Jean Garcia

Inside this issue:

Principal's Message	1
Upcoming Dates	1
Spring Fair	2
Athletics: Soccer	2
Eco News	2
Fit for Life	2
Asian Heritage Celebration\ Reminders	3
Futures Conference	4
Table Tennis Champ	4
Learning is FUN!	5
South Asian Community Festival	5
Library News	5
Social Justice @ Timberbank	5
OERB - Free Ministry resources	6
Timberbank Spring Fair	7

Principal's Message

May has arrived and we cannot believe that there is only two months left to the school year. It has been very busy here at Timberbank as our students prepare themselves academically for EQAO which will take place at the end of May and our teachers begin to work on term 2 report cards.

As you know, Timberbank is known for its talented students! This year, we had the pleasure of performing at the Elementary Asian Heritage Celebration on April 24th at Northern Secondary School. We were also invited to sing at the opening and closing of the TDSB Futures Conference. Whether our students were singing or dancing, it is incredible to watch and listen to them. If I can quote our superintendent, "What I love even more than the singing (if that's possible), is the shining and smiling faces of all the students. To see that live and on the big screens is an image that gets etched into each heart and every time that I see them." Thank you to all the parents who allowed our students to attend the practices and get ready for these events. We could not do it without your help!

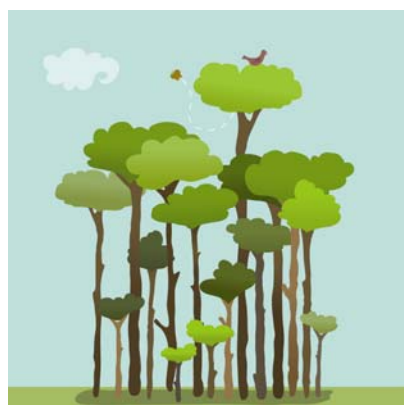
But it does not end there...This Monday, May 14th at 1pm, we will have the honour to host 4 visiting professors from China. Our students will do a small presentation in our gym and then our visitors will be taken on a school tour to see how we learn here at Timberbank. We also cannot forget our Annual Spring Concert scheduled for June 7th at 6:30pm. We hope to see you all there.

Also, this year our School Council has planned its first Spring Fair for Saturday, June 16th from 10am to 2pm. We hope that everyone in the community can join us for a great day of fun, entertainment, games and food.

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

May 14	Visiting Professors from China @ 1pm
May 15	Folkfest @ East York CI - 5:30 pm - Raindate: Thursday, May 17th
May 16	EQAO Parent Information Night @ 6:30 pm
May 18	On T.R.A.C.K. assembly @ 9am
May 22	Special Needs Folkfest @ Ted Reeve Arena - grade 6s
May 24	Grade 6 Parent Information Night @ John Buchan Sr. PS - 6:30 pm
May 23-25	EQAO for grade 3 students
May 29-31	EQAO for grade 6 students
May 29	"Welcome to Kindergarten" @ 6pm
June 1	P.A. Day - No school for students
June 5	Ward 20 Super Council meeting @ 6pm at David Lewis PS
June 6	Young Women on the Move event @ Camp Robin Hood
June 7	Spring Concert at 6:30pm
June 8	Ruth Ohi - Author Visit in the morning



TIMBERBANK Community Spring Fair:

Mark the date on your calendar -

Saturday, June 16th from 10 am to 2 pm - details to follow...

Our School Council is organizing its first Spring Fair with many great events and activities for everyone such as:

Folkfest Dancers; Timberbank Band; Bouncy Castles; Dunk the Principal; Bike Safety; Face Painting; Tattoo Artists; arts and crafts and many different food vendors....



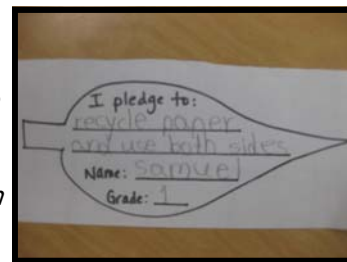
Do you have some time that day to help out? Please call the office at 416-396-6605 and let us know...we'd love the help!

Athletics

Our soccer team played in our area tournament on Friday, May 4th at Brian PS. Our students played well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship on the field. Congratulations to Abbiram, Alexandra, Andrew, Aniruth, Anjali, Birathesh, Henry, Matthew, Maviya, Nirajh, Rameez, Safiullah, Taylor, Vishnu and Zaid. Thanks to our coaches for their time and hard work in putting our team together. Thanks to Mr. Jones, Mr. Logaraj and Mrs. Montgomery!

**ECO News**

On Sunday April 22nd it was Earth Day! At Timberbank we did a community clean up by picking up garbage and recyclable things. We sorted them too. Mrs. Epitropou read us a book about Eco friendly things. Then, we wrote a leaf pledge. A pledge is something that you promise to do for the environment. Some examples of leaf pledges are:



"turn off the tap when I brush my teeth: (Reena, Grade 3)
"when we cut down trees we should always plant a new one" (Felicia, Grade 1)
"don't waste food and water" (Eunice, Grade 5)
"turn off the lights" (Kevin Li, SK)
- By: Aathrayan

**FIT for Life**

On Saturday, June 9 at Downsview Park, the TDSB will be hosting the first ever Fit for Life Fun Run to celebrate a year of health and physical activity.

Students, staff and our community are invited to join us, lace up those sneakers and celebrate healthy active living.



Healthy students are better able to learn so the Run is also raising funds for nutrition programs across the Board to help give students a healthy start to the day.

Remember – it's not too early to start training! Our students at Timberbank will be training for this event!



<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/microsites/funrun/default.asp>



Celebrating Asian Heritage Month!



Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit.
- **The Smoke-Free Ontario Act** prohibits anyone from holding or smoking lighted tobacco on any public or private school property at any time. This includes school parking lots, inside vehicles, driveways, fields, playgrounds etc...
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.



Reminder!

FUTURES Conference...

Our students shine!



Table Tennis Champ!

On Saturday, April 21st, a group of our Newcomer Kids participated in a table tennis tournament. We met at the school early in the morning and traveled to JS Woodsworth PS. It was a great day! We all had fun and met many new friends.

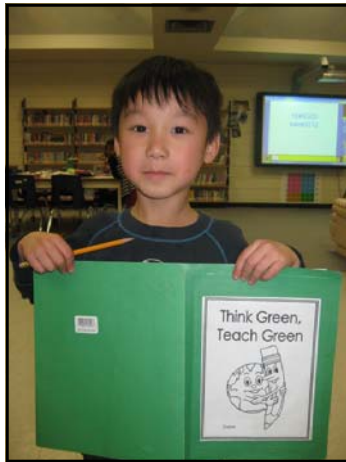
Congratulations to Aakarshan for coming in first place and bringing home the trophy. Way to go!



The TEAM!



Learning is FUN!!!!



South Asian Community

Festival

“Diversity in ACTION!”

Saturday, June 2nd, 2012 @

Stephen Leacock C.I.

Come celebrate with us!

Light Lunch to be provided

11am to 4pm

The OERB is a free resource for students, teachers and parents of Ontario publicly funded schools, with over 20,000 items covering all grades. It includes lesson plans and activities, videos and assessment tools aligned with the Ontario Curriculum. **See page 6**

Library News

On May 16th, a group of our students will be traveling to Harbourfront Centre to be a part of the “Forest of Trees”. Students have cast their votes and the winners will be revealed. We are fortunate to have had Safi in grade 6 selected to introduce one of the authors.

Remember to keep submitting your “Just Read It” selections. Congratulations to Kate for winning the TDSB draw and congratulations to Timberbank for winning a special author visit from Ruth Ohi. She will be here on June 8th to work with our classes.



Social Justice in Action!

On Tuesday, May 8, Mrs. Montgomery, Jim, Shreya, Anny and Vithushika took part in the NE3 Social Justice Fair at L'Amoreaux C.I. Our students did an incredible job sharing with others our “Poverty” project this year where the focus was on “Needs vs Wants”. We are very proud of all our students’ efforts to help others.

Remember we are still collecting Milk Bags and don’t forget to send in your CDs and DVDs for recycling.

